



Formerly Named
America's Second Harvest

May 24, 2010

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest), the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, our two hundred food banks and 60,000 agencies serving 37 million Americans a year, I am writing to urge your support for H.R. 4213, the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act. The legislation includes a one year extension of a temporary tax provision that allows all business taxpayers to take an enhanced tax deduction for food donated to a nonprofit.

Every day, Americans facing economic hardship must make the choice between eating and paying for needed shelter, clothing, medication, or other household necessities. As underemployment and unemployment remains at historically high levels, demand at Feeding America food banks and pantries has significantly increased.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that 49 million Americans were at risk of hunger in 2009, a staggering increase over the 2008 estimate of 37 million.

Hunger hurts. It leaves an indelible impact upon children and families that are struggling to find enough nutritious food to eat. H.R. 4213 would provide additional incentives for farmers, ranchers, small businesses, grocery stores, retailers, and restaurateurs to donate wholesome food to non profits serving Americans in need by extending the temporary tax provision allowing non c corporations to take the enhanced tax deduction for food donated to nonprofits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki Escarra".

Vicki Escarra, CEO

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